

**FERNDALE BOROUGH**  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2019

The Ferndale Borough Council met on Thursday, November 14, 2019, in the Fireman's Recreation Hall at 618 Westinghouse Avenue, Johnstown, PA.

President Owen Hofecker called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

The Roll Call showed the following present: President Owen Hofecker, V.P. Mark Wissinger, Trish Corle, Cindy Dom, Ken Dom, Connie Hobbs, Dave Ziemba, Mayor Ralph Boyle, Police Chief John Blake, Secretary Nancy Hofecker and Street Foreman Roger Bock. Attorney Joe Green was absent.

**VISITOR'S**

Visitor present was Dawn Null. Dawn Null was just observing.

**MINUTES**

There were no changes to the October 10, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Trish Corle to accept the minutes and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

Trish Corle made a motion to adopt the wage and salary schedule that was discussed in executive session. Connie Hobbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Trish Corle and Owen Hofecker abstained from the vote. All other members voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Personnel Report was made by Dave Ziemba seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report given.

**MAYOR AND POLICE REPORTS**

Chief Blake said that Officer Chris Thompson has been riding with him this week. Officer Thompson is the school resource officer. He will be doing SRO training next week and on November 25<sup>th</sup> he will be in the school. Chief Blake said that Gage Hale is our new candidate. We are just waiting for his certifications to come back and he will be added to the schedule.

A recommendation was made by police committee and a phone vote was taken for both officers. A motion was made by Trish Corle affirming the phone vote seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

Chief Blake said that the department participated in the National Prescription Drug take back day. He said we collected 15 ½ pounds of prescription drugs.

A motion to accept the Mayor and Police Reports was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Mark Wissinger. The motion carried.

### **WEST HILLS REPORT**

West Hills Regional e-mailed their report to the office, if anyone would like a copy, please contact the secretary.

### **FERNDALE FIREMAN'S ASSOC. REPORT**

No report given.

### **STREETS AND PROPERTY**

Roger said that they have been busy picking up leaves and raking borough lots.

Dave Ziemba said that he has been talking to Renee Daly regarding blighted properties. Renee mentioned Act 90 to help in regards to removing some of the blighted properties. Dave is going to look more into Act 90.

A motion to accept the Streets and Property Report was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Dave Ziemba. The motion carried.

### **TREES**

No report given.

### **SEWER/SEWER PROJECT REPORT**

Frank Diloreto was present from EADS.

Four pressure tests were completed in October.

Frank reviewed the items on hold and the grant eligible projects.

The borough is applying for a Small Water Grant. Frank brought a resolution with him to be submitted with the grant application allowing Owen Hofecker, President to sign the required papers on behalf of the borough for the grant application. Attorney Green reviewed the resolution and gave his approval. A motion was made by Trish Corle to sign the resolution

seconded by Ken Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

Ordinance # 493 was presented and states: An Ordinance of the Borough of Ferndale, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, amending ordinance no. 485 enacted April 8, 2013, requiring testing of all lateral sanitary sewer pipes. A motion was made by Cindy Dom to pass the ordinance seconded by Trish Corle. A roll call vote was taken all members voting yes. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Sewer/Sewer Project Report was made by Mark Wissinger seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

A motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **FINANCE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion to pay all Accounts Payable was made by Cindy Dom and seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

Trish Corle made a motion to accept the proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year and for it to be placed in the office for public review. Cindy Dom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Finance/Accounts Payable Report was made by Connie Hobbs seconded by Ken Dom. The motion carried.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No report given.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Owen Hofecker shared that Middle Taylor Township and Dale Borough made donations to our recreation fund to help off set the cost of the insurance.

A motion to accept the Recreation Report was made by Trish Corle seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance # 492 was presented and states: An ordinance of Ferndale Borough, Cambria County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, electing to amend its non-uniform pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania municipal retirement system pursuant to article IV of the Pennsylvania municipal retirement law; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania municipal retirement law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities. A motion was made by

Dave Ziembra to pass the ordinance seconded by Cindy Dom. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. The motion carried.

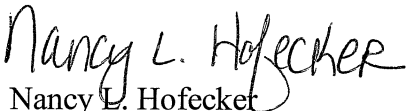
A motion to accept Old/New Business was made by Cindy Dom seconded by Connie Hobbs. The motion carried.

At 6:47pm the meeting went into executive session to discuss personnel.

At 7:46pm council came out of executive session and went back into the regular meeting to the personnel report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm with Cindy Dom making the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy L. Hofecker  
Borough Secretary